



# Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

## *Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development*

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (CDECD) was selected to receive a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. Connecticut (population 3,405,565) has a 350-year manufacturing history that has left the state with hundreds of abandoned and underused industrial sites,

### Revolving Loan Fund Grant



**\$750,000 for hazardous substances  
\$250,000 for petroleum**

EPA has selected the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (CDECD) for a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. The grant will be used to capitalize a revolving loan fund from which CDECD will provide loans and subgrants to support cleanup activities for sites contaminated with petroleum and hazardous substances. Grant funds also will be used for community involvement activities.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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predominantly in urban areas. The state has identified about 600 brownfields statewide, including 110 abandoned or underused mill sites. Nearly 69 percent of the brownfields properties are in state-designated Distressed Municipalities, including federally recognized Empowerment Zones. Connecticut does not have county-level government, and many distressed municipi-

palities do not have the staff, resources, or capacity to address brownfields. Priority for loans and subgrants will be given for cleanup of brownfields in the state's 31 Distressed Municipalities, and where cleanup and redevelopment will have a significant community impact. Brownfields cleanup and redevelopment will reduce environmental contamination, create jobs, and promote reinvestment in neighborhoods impacted by brownfields.